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(NTUSA-9 CIP2DIV12CON2)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

FIRST-NAMED INVENTOR: Keith E. Dionne  
FOR: IMPLANTABLE BIOCOMPATIBLE IMMUNOISOLATORY  
VEHICLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF SELECTED THERAPEUTIC  
PRODUCTS

July 21, 2003  
Boston, Massachusetts

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REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

1. This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of copending application USSN 10/007,344, filed October 25, 2001.
2. Prior to examination of this application, please amend page 1 of the specification by replacing the paragraph under the heading "Related Applications" with the following:

This application is a continuation of Serial No. 10/007,344 filed October 25, 2001, which is a continuation of Serial No. 09/563,248 filed May 2, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,322,804, which is a divisional of 09/148,671 filed September 4, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,083,523, which is a divisional of Serial No. 08/449,837 filed May 24, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,874,099, which is a divisional of Serial No. 08/179,151 filed January 10, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,800,828, which is a continuation-in-part of PCT application Serial No. US 92/03327 filed April 22, 1992, which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 07/692,403 filed April 25, 1991, now abandoned.

3. A copy of the petition for a three (3) month extension of time for a responding to an Office Action dated January 22, 2003 for USSN 10/007,344 that was filed on July 21, 2003 is enclosed. A copy of the check in the amount of \$465.00 for the petition is enclosed. With the extension, the deadline for responding to the Office Action in USSN 10/007,344 is July 22, 2003. This continuation is being filed in response to the outstanding January 22, 2003 Office Action in USSN 10/007,344.

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4. A true copy of the parent application USSN 10/007,344 is enclosed. This application is a total of 134 pages. This application includes:

132 pages of specification (not including claims, abstract, or figures)  
1 page of claims  
1 page of abstract  
9 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-11B)

5. A copy of a signed combined Declaration/Power of Attorney submitted in parent application USSN 10/007,344 is included (8 counterparts, 48 pages).

6. Fees associated with this application have been calculated as follows:

CLAIMS AS FILED					
Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. 1.16(a) \$750.00
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	1	- 20 =	0	\$18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))	1	- 3 =	0	\$84.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d))	-0-			\$280.00	\$0.00
SUBTOTAL:					\$750.00
TOTAL FEE:					\$375.00

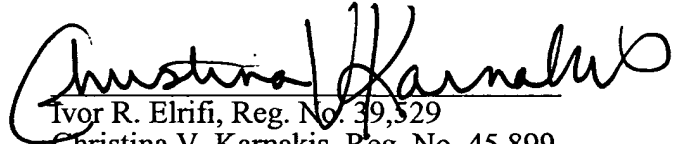
7. Incorporation by Reference

The entire Disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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8. A return receipt postcard is enclosed.

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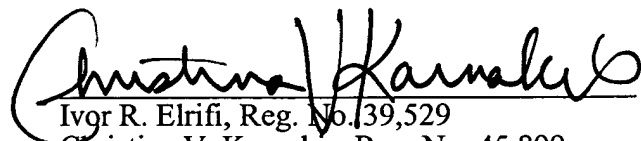
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time to respond to the January 22, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, this Response is due on or before July 22, 2003. A check in the amount of \$465.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 19141-509 CIP2DIV12CON (NTUSA-9 CIP2DIV12CON). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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